

WHAT KIND OF PROOF REALLY WORKS? EXPERIENCE? UNDERSTANDING?

*Proof happens when you ask the **RIGHT** question at the right time.*

A BOOK IN THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN WITH THAT AGENDA

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30-31 NIV

LET ME TELL YOU OF ALL THESE PEOPLE, THEIR DOUBTS, AND WHY THEY BELIEVED
THIS SERIES IS FOR BELIEVERS AND UNBELIEVERS ALIKE.

Review

- * Jesus turned water into wine and his followers began to believe.
- * Jesus did an invisible miracle to challenge people to believe without seeing.

The Third Sign — John 5:1-18 (p. 742)

(1) • SECRET OF NON-CHRONOLOGICAL
(2-7) • ANOTHER SECRET IN VERSE 4

Detour on the Reliability of the Text of the Bible

For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

John 5:4 KJV

COMPLAINTS THAT MODERN TRANSLATIONS REMOVED VERSES
TEXTUAL CRITICISM -- MORE CONFUSING MEANS MORE ORIGINAL -- LIKE STUDY NOTES

Why does the KJV have this verse?

Can we trust our Bibles?

VERSE 7 IS ENOUGH, VERSE 4 WAS PROBABLY WELL KNOWN

- * Scholars are helping us discover the **ORIGINAL TEXT**.
- * Nothing of **SIGNIFICANCE** is affected by discrepancies.

Back to the Details

(6-7) Jesus asked a really **GOOD QUESTION**.

THIS QUESTION POINTS OUT WHERE THE MAN'S HOPE WAS • ANGELS? OTHER PEOPLE? NOPE
HE'S A MAN WITH NO INITIATIVE AND NO FRIENDS

ILL: TALKING TO THE MAN IN LOS ANGELES • DON'T YOU WANT TO GET BETTER?

(8-9) Jesus gave a **TWO-PART COMMAND**.

GET UP • CARRY YOUR MAT • BUT IT WAS A SABBATH!!

READ 9-13

The Jewish leaders noticed the **WRONG THING** first.
THE LAW FORBIDS YOU TO CARRY YOUR MAT • BUT HE WAS HEALED AFTER 38 YEARS!

The man gave the **OBVIOUS REPLY**.
THE MAN WHO HEALED ME TOLD ME TO.
-- PAUSE HERE TO LET THAT SINK IN --

The Jewish leaders asked the **WRONG QUESTION** first.
THE ONE WHO HEALED ME TOLD ME // BUT IT'S THE ANGEL AND MAGICAL WATER??!
ACTUALLY TWO QUESTIONS • WHO HAS SUCH POWER? • WHO CLAIMS SUCH AUTHORITY?
ILL: ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE US TO ASK THE WRONG QUESTION FIRST?

The man with the **POWER** of God
has the **AUTHORITY** of God.

NOW READ 14-15 • HOW DOES HE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE MAN'S HEART?

... and his **NAME** is **JESUS**.
NOW READ 16-18

*Jesus, a man with the power of God claimed the authority of God even calling himself **EQUAL WITH GOD** ... any questions?*

Take it Home

The best question you could ask after this story is simply, "**Who is this man?**"

Clarity:

- * Jesus can't be a good teacher; teachers *explain* God.
- * Jesus can't be a prophet; prophets *speak for* God.
- * Jesus can't be crazy; crazy people don't do *miracles!*

If John is telling us the truth, who is Jesus?

Discussion Questions

- * What do you learn about people?
- * What do you learn about Jesus?
- * What do you learn about yourself?
- * Who needs to hear this lesson?